



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Civil Rights

**Date:** November 28, 2012

**To:** Council Member Don Samuels, Chair  
Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee

**Referral to:** Public Hearing, Full Council

**Subject: Appointments to** the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights

**Recommendation:** The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights respectfully requests to set a public hearing on January 9, 2013 for the City Council to appoint the following individuals to a three-year term to serve on the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights. The term of appointment will commence on January 1, 2013 and end on December 31, 2015.

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Presenters in Committee: Toni D. Newborn, Interim Assistant Director

| Appointee<br>Name and Category if any       | Appointed<br>by Mayor or<br>Council | Ward<br>Home=<br>H<br>Work=<br>W | Term<br>Number<br>of years | Term<br>Beginning<br>/Ending     | Name, Expiration Date<br>Complete only if replacing or<br>fulfilling the term of another<br>member. |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Carina Aleckson                             | Council                             | 9                                | 3                          | 01/01/13-<br>12/31/15            |   |
| Michael Harralson (Judge)                   | Mayor                               | 8                                | 3                          | 01/01/13-<br>12/31/15            |   |
| Arlene Santiago (Judge)                     | Mayor                               | 12                               | 3                          | 01/01/13-<br>12/31/15            |   |
| Kristin White (Attorney)                    | Mayor                               | 7                                | 3                          | 01/01/13-<br>12/31/15            |   |
| Gerald Strauss                              | Mayor                               | 6                                | 3                          | 12/31/14                         | Commissioner Monteiro,<br>12/31/14  |
| Re-Appointments<br>Name and Category if any | Appointed<br>by Mayor or<br>Council | Ward<br>Home=<br>H<br>Work=<br>W | Term<br>Number<br>of years | Term<br>Beginning<br>/<br>Ending |   |

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|-----------------|---------|----|---|-------------------|--|
| Marla Khan      | Council | 13 | 3 | 01/01/13-12/31/15 |  |
| Lonnie Nichols  | Council | 2  | 3 | 01/01/13-12/31/15 |  |
| John Oberreuter | Council | 13 | 3 | 01/01/13-12/31/15 |  |

### **Background Information:**

The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was first established by ordinance in 1947, and then re-established in 1975 for the purpose of carrying forward the policies of the City in the fields of human relations, to promote civil rights, and to enforce the provisions of the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance.

The Commission on Civil Rights is a 21 member body with 7 Commissioners appointed by the City Council; the remaining 14 members are appointed by the Mayor. Fifteen Minneapolis residents applied to serve on the Commission; there are currently five vacancies on the Commission and three Commissioners applying for reappointment. The Commission Selection Committee recommended Gerald Strauss to carry out the balance of Commissioner Monteiro's unexpired term. The City Council and Mayor will each make four appointments for the term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.